

# INFER MEANING

HOW DOES INFERRING HELP US UNDERSTAND WHAT WE READ?

We think about what we know and merge it with text clues to draw a reasonable conclusion.

We tie our *predictions and inferences* to evidence in the text.  
Our evidence must be *factual*.

We use our *background knowledge, illustrations and other clues in the text* to infer meaning of unfamiliar words.

We revise our inferences when we learn new information.

We form our own opinions while we read to deepen our understanding.

We ask questions before we read and infer the answers when we don't read them in the text.